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The attached project renewal is presented for approval for the period
1 May 1965 through 30 April 1966.

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This Project Renewal has been prepared in accordance with CSI-F No. 230-60,
dated 3 July 1962. REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF PROJECT CATRANSIT.

I a Current Objectives

Project objectives continue to be the establishment and maintenance of a pool of indigenous couriers for the operational support of agents in East Germany. The Project serves further as a vehicle for the couriers' administrative and operational management.

I b Changes

Although Project objectives are unchanged, the direction of courier operations has been modified to reflect conditions which have changed since Project submission. Current and anticipated East German agent operations are of a somewhat different nature than the post-Wall recontact operations which Project couriers formerly supported. Also, for the first time the number of active couriers exceeds the minimum necessary to support current and expected agent operations. Lastly, experience suggests that the security of East German operations can be increased by further compartmentation in the management of courier operations. Some features of the Project's modus operandi and administrative procedures have been modified to reflect the foregoing factors.

1. Modus Operandi

- a. Couriers are now each servicing but one agent exclusively, to limit compromise in the event the courier should unwittingly come under surveillance and contaminate the agent (s) subsequently serviced.
- b. Every effort is now made so that each courier utilizes only deaddrop sites he himself has selected, to avoid the proliferation of risk connected with a courier's using a site known to (but unused by) one or more other couriers.
- c. An even wider variety of deaddrop sites is being employed, while certain types of sites found to be potentially hazardous or unreliable are no longer used.
- d. Efforts are being made to devise an even wider variety of concealment devices (~~through which couriers infiltrate operational equipment through the border~~) as well as means for disguising the cache in place.
- e. To reduce risking overuse of experienced and reliable couriers, the number of their sector border crossings has been firmly limited.
- f. To avoid unnecessary border crossings, intensive simulated mission training exercises in West Berlin are replacing heretofore customary familiarization missions in East Berlin.
- g. Even stricter standards of performance are required of all couriers.

V A Other

- a. When the courier pool is at full strength, suitable courier candidates identified in the course of the screening mechanism will nevertheless be recruited and held on standby against future need, by devising such reasonable inducements as may be necessary.

- b. Couriers whose performance has been satisfactory, upon being retired for performing the maximum number of missions, will no longer be considered for conversion to accommodation addresses or other operational support roles. Rather, through payment of minimal retainer or other suitable inducements, they will be held for eventual reactivation as couriers, with new documentation as necessary.
- c. So long as the pool of couriers is of adequate size, greatest selectivity will be employed in the screening of courier candidates for recruitment.
- d. Greater emphasis will be made during screening to identify and recruit exceptional willing and qualified candidates for eventual personal contact missions to agents in East Berlin or East Germany.
- e. A small number of qualified couriers will be withheld for emergency missions in support of operations mounted by other German Station elements or other ODYOKO agencies, missions which are not predictable as to timing or frequency.

2. Personnel

a. Current Project Personnel

1. CATRANSIT-14 is a 42-year-old factory employee from Nuernberg. Since recruitment in March 1963 she has performed two observation and three operational missions.
2. CATRANSIT-19 is a 52-year-old bank clerk from Wuerzburg. Since recruitment in June 1963 he has performed two siting and two operational missions.
3. CATRANSIT-21 is a 49-year-old salesman from Wuerzburg. Since recruitment in June 1963 he has performed one siting and four operational missions.
4. CATRANSIT-22 is a 59-year-old retired Bavarian businessman. Since recruitment in August 1963 he has performed one siting and one operational mission.
5. CATRANSIT-26 is a 64-year-old salesman from Munich. Since recruitment in 1963 he has had three siting missions, but he is currently inactive because of ill health (TB).
6. CATRANSIT-29 is a 42-year-old office worker from Karlsruhe. Since recruitment in February 1964 he has had one training and three operational missions.
7. CATRANSIT-30 is a 52-year-old commercial artist from Essen. Since recruitment in February 1964 he has had one training and one operational mission.
8. CATRANSIT-32 is a 46-year-old office manager from Stuttgart. Since recruitment in April 1964 she has had one training and one operational mission.
9. CATRANSIT-33 is a 36-year-old travelling salesman from Essen. Since recruitment in April 1964 he has had one training and one operational mission.

✓ New Recruits

15 agents were recruited during the last project year.
All of them have had at least one training or familiarization mission in East Germany. Of them five currently considerably an operational possibility.

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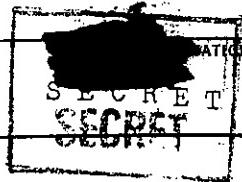
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10. CATRANSIT-34 is a 37-year-old construction foreman from Frankfurt. Since recruitment in May 1964 he has had two familiarization trips to East Berlin.
11. CATRANSIT-35 is a 42-year-old KRUPP employee from Essen. Since recruitment in May 1964 he has had two training missions.
12. CATRANSIT-36 is a 43-year-old railway employee. Since recruitment in July 1964 he has had one training and one operational mission.
13. CATRANSIT-37 is a 53-year-old steel worker from Duesseldorf. Since recruitment in July 1964 he has had two training missions.
14. CATRANSIT-39 is a 40-year-old female draftsman. Since her recruitment in August 1964 she has had two training missions.
15. CATRANSIT-40 is a 40-year-old engineer from Essen. Since recruitment in August 1964 he has had two training missions.
16. CATRANSIT-43 is a West German pensioner recruited in October 1964, from Essen. Since recruitment he has had one training and one operational mission.
17. CATRANSIT-44 is a semi-retired trucker from Duesseldorf. Since recruitment in October 1964 he has had one training mission.
18. CATRANSIT-45 is a 50-year-old Duesseldorf bank employee. Since recruitment in November 1964 he has had one familiarization mission in East Berlin.
19. CATRANSIT-46 is the wife of CATRANSIT-36. Recruited in November 1964, she has accompanied her husband on one training mission.
20. CATRANSIT-48 is a 42-year-old salesman/technician from Hamburg. Since recruitment in November 1964 he has had one familiarization mission to East Berlin.
21. CATRANSIT-50 is a 40-year-old machine tool factory manager from Duesseldorf. Recruited in March 1965, he is expected to perform his first familiarization mission in April.
22. CABUS-1 is a 32-year-old West Berlin bus driver and an Austrian national. Since recruitment in 1963 he has had eight operational missions in East Berlin.
23. CAPERCH-2 is a 30-year-old West Berlin resident and a Lebanese national. Since recruitment in 1962 he has performed five operational missions.
24. CAPERCH-11 is a 45-year-old West Berlin housewife. Since recruitment in 1961 she has performed ten missions in East Berlin.
25. CAPARTY-1 is a 69-year-old West Berlin widow recruited in April 1964 as an accommodation address exclusively used to receive correspondence from Project couriers resident in the Federal Republic.



26. CATOIL-1 is a skilled laborer resident in West Berlin and who visits East Berlin with a Passierschein five times a year. Since recruitment in October 1964 he has run three training missions.

26.b. Terminated Personnel (retirements, resignations, unsuitability; see individual case files)

✓ CATRANSIT-3
CATRANSIT-10
CATRANSIT-11
CATRANSIT-14
CATRANSIT-17
CATRANSIT-19
CATRANSIT-21
GATRANSIT-31*
CATRANSIT-38*
CAESPOUSE-1
CAPERCH-5

11 agents two of whom were recruited during their period, were terminated during the past project year.

- III a. Intelligence Production *4 RECENT AND FUTURE INFORMATION PAGES 1 & 2.*
~~Intelligence produced by this Project~~ *Money as an incentive, also by personal*
~~Project personnel are not sources of positive intelligence.~~
~~Information, source of operational support, answer to questions from~~
- IV a. Effectiveness *Effectiveness to be evaluated during the year.*

During the Project year Project couriers performed 19 training missions and 28 operational missions, the latter in support of 18 agents or targets in East Germany and East Berlin. In the course of the operational missions they have infiltrated and deaddropped material including East German and other Bloc currency, SW carbons, pills and instructions, cipher pads and instructions, OWVL instructions, a miniature camera, accessories and instructions, a radio receiver, sanitized case officer letters, concealment devices, exfiltration documents with instructions and associated pocket litter, and intelligence collection briefing material. Agents in East Berlin and East Germany cannot be sustained without such supplies, and no facility other than that provided by Project personnel exists to resupply these denied area agents. (See EGBA-79289 of 9 April 1965 for a summary of the individual missions performed by Project couriers.)

(Attached for review is a summary of missions performed during the period 1 May 1964 - 30 March 1965).

No problems have arisen in connection with the Project's activities for which effective remedies have not been found.

VII f. Liaison

The Project is managed on a unilateral basis.

VII g. Interagency Coordination

No interagency coordination is required in the management of the Project.

VII h. Plans

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See paragraph b. above. No substantive change in the Project activity is expected.

IX d. Costs

1. 1 May 1964 - 30 April 1965
a. Obligation authority
b. Expenditures (11 months)

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2. FY 1965 (2 months) (May-June)		FY 1966 (July-April)		
Number Mis- sions Planned	2	48		
Salaries	[]	[]		
Transporta- tion	200	4,800		
Supplies	20	480		
Operational Expenses	130	3,120		
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<p>NOTE: Most of the Project activity and expenses occur seasonally, in the summer and fall, a fact which should be taken into account in computing any quarterly allotments.</p> <p>The</p>				
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